

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action of November 14, 2008. With the present Amendment applicants amended the claims to provide proper identifiers for Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 11, and 18.

In the Office Action of December 13, 2007, the Examiner indicated that Claim 1 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83 (a), as not showing the detent means, at least one detent position, and a spring element.

Also, the claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112.

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of claim 1 has been gratefully acknowledged.

In view of the Examiner's objection to the drawings, applicants canceled claims 13 and 14 defining the detent means, at least one detent position and a spring element. It is therefore believed that the Examiner's objection to the drawings as not showing these features should be considered as no longer tenable and should be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 4, and 20 have been amended to define that the pivot tube discharges at least some of the machining residues inside the covering and outside the covering in corresponding positions, and the feed tube also discharges at least some of the machining residues into the pivot tube.

It is therefore believed that the Examiner's grounds for the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph should be considered also as not tenable and should be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 4, 7-9, 12, 15-17 and 19-27 should be considered as being in allowable condition.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should

the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance; he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Striker', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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